

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 16, 2015 – 5:00 PM

PRESENT: Chairman Dev Sookram, Commissioners Amber Barton, Mike Emanuel, Brian Fagen, Brad Fooker, Mitch Sawyer, and Brian Wiese, Planning Director, Troy Anderson, Chief Building Inspector, Don Simon and City Engineer, Justin Zetterman

ABSENT: Commissioners Marty Gifford, and Tom Winter

1. Call to Order. Chairman Sookram called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call. A roll call showed seven (7) members present and two (2) absent – a quorum was established.

Chairman Sookram then read a statement that the meeting was preceded by publicized notice in the Fremont Tribune, that the agenda was displayed in the lobby of the Municipal Building and posted online at www.fremontne.gov; and distributed to the Mayor, City Council, and the Planning Commission on March 11, 2015, and that the meeting was open to the public. Sookram also stated that a copy of the agenda was kept continually current and available to the public at the office of the City Planner, 400 East Military Avenue and a copy of the open meetings law is posted continually for public inspection located near the Council Chambers entrance door by the agendas.

3. Minutes of the February 16, 2015, Regular Meeting.

Chairman Sookram read the item into the record. Hearing no discussion, the Chairman entertained a motion.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Fooker, and seconded by Commissioner Sawyer, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as provided. A roll call vote showed all members present voting aye – the motion carried unanimously.

4. Public comment period.

Chairman Sookram opened the floor to public comments.

Hearing none, the Chairman closed the floor and proceeded onto the regular agenda.

5. Consider annexation of First Lutheran Church. Property located in the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 19, Township 17 North, Range 9 East of the 6th P.M., Dodge County, Fremont, Nebraska.

Chairman Sookram read the item into the record. Hearing no discussion, the Chairman entertained a motion.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Barton, and seconded by Commissioner Sawyer, to recommend accepting the voluntary annexation

petition thereby expanding the City's corporate limits. A roll call vote showed all members present voting aye – the motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider a request from Shillelagh, LLC, the owner of approximately 0.81 acres located at 1841 East 23rd Street, Dodge County, Fremont, Nebraska, for approval of a Replat of Lot 3, Block 2, McClarys' Subdivision.

Chairman Sookram read the item into the record. Hearing no discussion, the Chairman entertained a motion.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Sawyer, and seconded by Commissioner Fagan, to recommend approval of the replat. A roll call vote showed all members present voting aye – the motion carried unanimously.

7. Discuss a recommendation for Zoning Change from LI Limited Industrial to DC Downtown Commercial for a part of Block 182, Blocks 183, 184, 185, 204 and a part of Block 205, Fremont Original Town.

Planning Director Anderson presented a possible zoning change to the Commission for discussion. Anderson identified an approximate six (6) block area immediately south of "downtown" (identified by DC Downtown Commercial zoning) that is currently zoned LI Limited Industrial. Anderson illustrated the differences pertaining to land use and bulk, area, and height regulations between each of the zoning districts as well as the benefits and consequences to various landowners affected by such a zoning change. Commissioner Fooker suggested contacting property owners personally prior to neighbor notification.

Hearing no additional concerns or objections, Anderson informed the Commission that he would return at the next Commission meeting with a formal recommendation for zoning change. No action of the Commission was required.

Hearing no further business, Chairman Sookram adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

APPROVED:



Dev Sookram, Chairman

BRAD FOOKER Vice Chair

ATTEST:



Troy Anderson, Planning Director